

In the Specification

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 9, line 21 as follows:

Referring now to Figure 4, in which parts common to the embodiment of Figures 2 and 3 are denoted by like reference numerals but increased by 100, a second embodiment of the invention, suitable for use with one of the front wheels of the tractor of Figure 1, is shown. It has been found that an explosion under a tire has a considerable outward component as well as the main upward force, and the rim (110) of a typical tractor wheel is quite thin, as a result of which the explosion breaks the weld between the rim (110) and the nave plate (111) at the bottom and goes on to drive the bottom half of the rim (110) up into the top half, forming an inverted U which is projected outwards and upwards from the tractor. In order to accommodate a gear box (131) via which the wheel of Figure 4 is mounted to an axle flange (126), the drive plate (121) is provided with a generally cylindrical extension (132). A second coupling device in the form of shear bolt 113 and a first coupling device in the form of torque ring 118 are also shown.